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**INVENTOR(S):** Dettinger et al.  
**EXAMINER:** Usmaan Saeed  
**GROUP ART UNIT:** 2166  
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Attached are the following document(s) for the above-referenced application:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On April 7, 2006, a telephonic interview was held between Jon Stewart, Mohammad Ali and Examiner Usmaan Saeed. Applicants discussed an amendment to claim 1 and an agreement was reached to amend this claim, as well as other independent claims to include a similar limitation. Thereafter, Applicants filed a response reflecting the agreed upon amendments. The response also included an interview summary.

Examiner's Interview Summary, dated April 11, 2006 is substantially similar to the one included in Applicants' response. However, Applicants note that the Examiner's Interview Summary includes the following: "Applicants representative will amend all the independent claims adding further limitation 'when the query execution...' to overcome the prior art of record." (Ellipses in original.) Applicants' response included amendments to independent claims 1, 15, 34, 39, 41, and 42; other independent claims were originally presented with a limitation substantially reciting the one agreed upon by

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the Examiner and Applicants regarding claim 1. Thus, no amendments were made or required to distinguish independent claims 7, 26, and 40 over the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted and signed pursuant  
to 37 CFR § 1.4,

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